

Diabetes Prevention Program Background

- **Type 2 diabetes is the major cause of premature mortality and morbidity due to cardiovascular, renal, ophthalmic and neurological diseases.**
- **People at risk for developing type 2 diabetes have a high incidence of cardiovascular disease.**
- **The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) is:**
 - **a randomized, clinical trial conducted in 27 U.S. centers**
 - **designed to test whether preventing or delaying type 2 diabetes may prevent its complications**

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Purpose

Compare the effects of the insulin sensitizers, metformin and troglitazone*, to placebo or intensive lifestyle intervention on the progression to type 2 diabetes in a high-risk population having:

- impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) *and* elevated fasting glucose
- $\geq 50\%$ women
- about 20% age 65 years or older
- about 50% ethnic minority: African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian American

***Discontinued in June, 1998**

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Diabetes Prevention Program Study Objectives

Primary objectives

Compare safety and efficacy of 3 interventions for preventing or delaying development of diabetes

- Standard lifestyle recommendations + masked metformin titrated to 850 mg BID
- Standard lifestyle recommendations + masked placebo
- Intensive lifestyle intervention by case managers with the goals of:
 - $\geq 7\%$ weight reduction through healthy eating and physical activity
 - ≥ 150 min/week moderate intensity physical activity

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Secondary objectives

Assess effects of interventions on:

- Cardiovascular disease and its risk factors
- Changes in glycemia, b-cell function, insulin sensitivity, body composition, physical activity, nutrient intake, and health-related QOL
- Adverse events

Diabetes Prevention Program Study Design

Inclusion Criteria

- Age \geq 25 years
- BMI \geq 24 kg/m² (\geq 22 kg/m² for Asian Americans)
- IGT (2 hour glucose 140-199 mg/dL after 75 g OGTT)
- Elevated FPG (95-125 mg/dL) except in American Indians

Exclusion Criteria

- Diagnosed diabetes at baseline, except GDM
- Medical conditions that increase the risk of early mortality or medical intervention
- Medications, medical conditions and/or behaviors that may interfere with the conduct of the trial

Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Interventions

Standard lifestyle interventions

- All randomized participants received written information and 20 - 30 minute session with case manager to encourage:
 - a healthy diet
 - loss of 5 - 10% of initial weight
 - gradual increase in activity (eg, walking) ≥ 30 minutes 5 days/week
 - avoidance of excessive alcohol intake
 - smoking cessation
- Annual review of recommendations

Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Interventions

Intensive lifestyle interventions

- Frequent sessions with a case manager, including:
 - ≥ 16 sessions during the first 24 weeks
 - Instruction in diet, exercise and behavior modification
 - Encouragement to achieve and maintain weight-loss goals by fat reduction, then calorie reduction
 - At least monthly contact thereafter
- Two optional, supervised exercise sessions per week
- “Tool box” strategies as needed to achieve goals
- 4-6 week group courses offered quarterly

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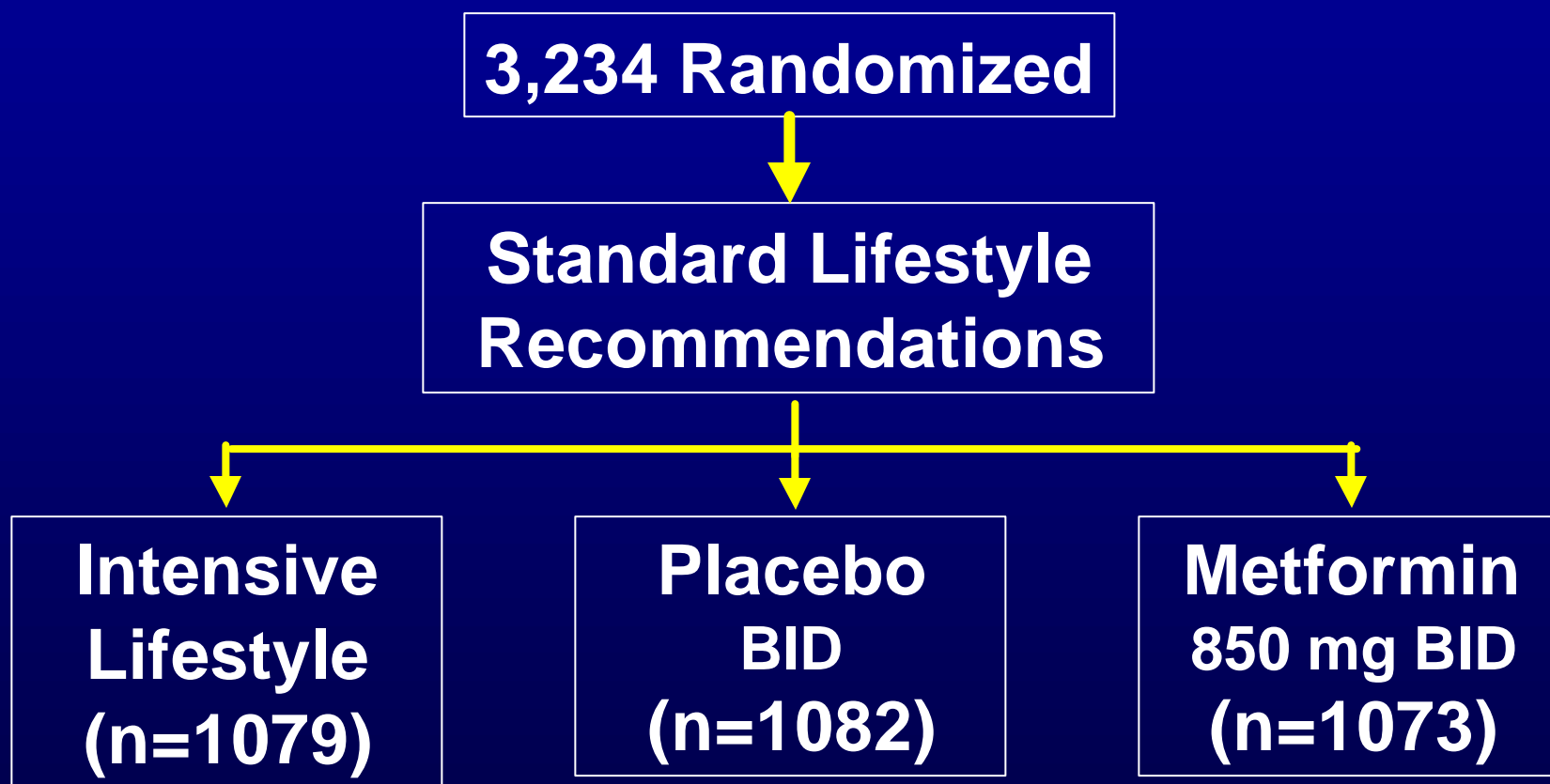
Diabetes Assessment

- Tests for diabetes included annual OGTT, semiannual FPG and FPG whenever symptoms were present
- Diabetes was diagnosed if FPG ≥ 126 mg/dL or OGTT 2-h plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL was confirmed by 2 tests
- Diabetes diagnosis was revealed to participants, DPP investigators and primary care providers
 - If FPG <140 mg/dL, coded treatment was continued if acceptable to the participant and physician
 - If FPG ≥ 140 mg/dL, the patient discontinued coded medication and was referred for diabetes care.
- Scheduled visits continued to collect outcomes data.

Diabetes Prevention Program Time and Event Line

June 1996	Recruitment began
June 1998	Discontinued troglitazone arm
Spring 1999	Recruitment completed
May 2001	Early discontinuation of double-blind treatment because of efficacy provided by both interventions

Diabetes Prevention Program Randomization Scheme



Diabetes Prevention Program Baseline Demographics

	Placebo	Metformin	Intensive Lifestyle
Age (years)	50.3	50.9	50.6
Gender (M/F)	31%/ 69%	34%/ 66%	32%/ 68%
Ethnicity			
Caucasian	54%	56%	54%
African-American	20%	21%	19%
Hispanic	16%	15%	17%
American Indian	6%	5%	6%
Asian American*	5%	3%	5%

*** Includes 20 Pacific Islanders**

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Baseline Patient Characteristics

	Placebo	Metformin	Intensive Lifestyle
Family History of Diabetes	70%	68%	70%
History of GDM (women)	16%	16%	16%
Leisure Activity (met-hr/week)	17	16	17
Waist/Hip Ratio	0.9	0.9	0.9
Waist (cm)	105	105	105
BMI (kg/m ²)	34.2	33.9	33.9

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Baseline Glycemic Measurements

	Placebo	Metformin	Intensive Lifestyle
FPG (mg/dL)	107	107	106
2-h OGTT (mg/dL)	165	165	164
HbA _{1c} (%)	5.9	5.9	5.9

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Achievement of Study Goals

Average follow-up of 2.8 years

Lifestyle Modifications	Goal	% Achieving Goal	
		<u>Week 24</u>	<u>Last Vist</u>
Weight loss	$\geq 7\%$	50%	38%
Physical activity (min/week)	≥ 150	74%	58%

Pharmacological Intervention		<u>Placebo</u>	<u>Metformin</u>
Compliance	$\geq 80\%$	77%	72%
Full dose	2 tablets/day	97%	84%

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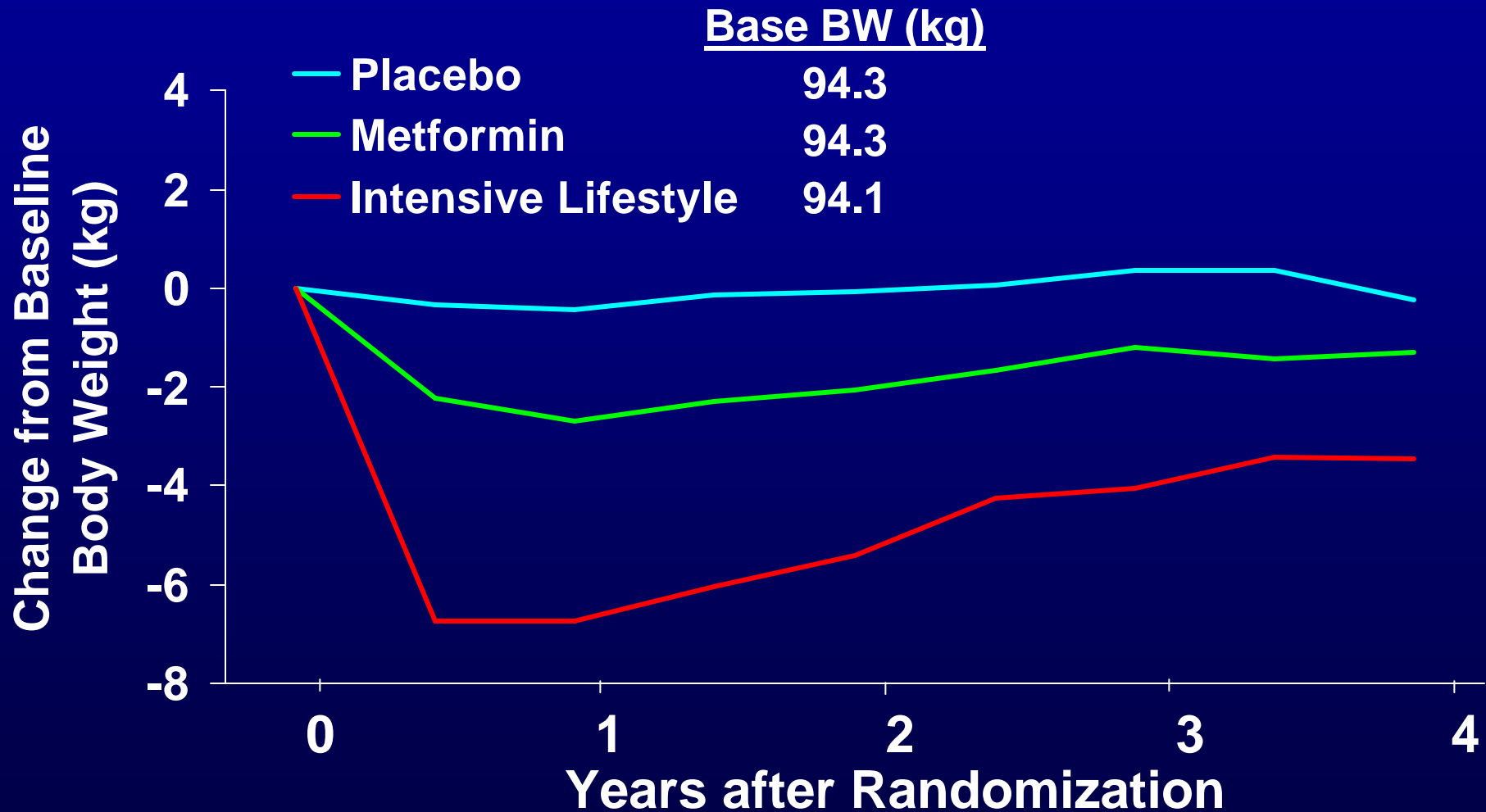
Effects on Weight and Dietary Intake

	Placebo	Metformin	Lifestyle Intervention	P
Change in Weight (kg)	-0.1	-2.1	-5.6	<0.001
Change in Fat Intake* (% of total calories)	-0.8%	-0.8%	-6.6%	<0.001
Change in Energy Intake (kcal/day) at 1 yr	-249	-296	-450	<0.001

*Baseline fat intake was 34.1% of total calories. The goal of intensive lifestyle modification was < 25% of total calories.

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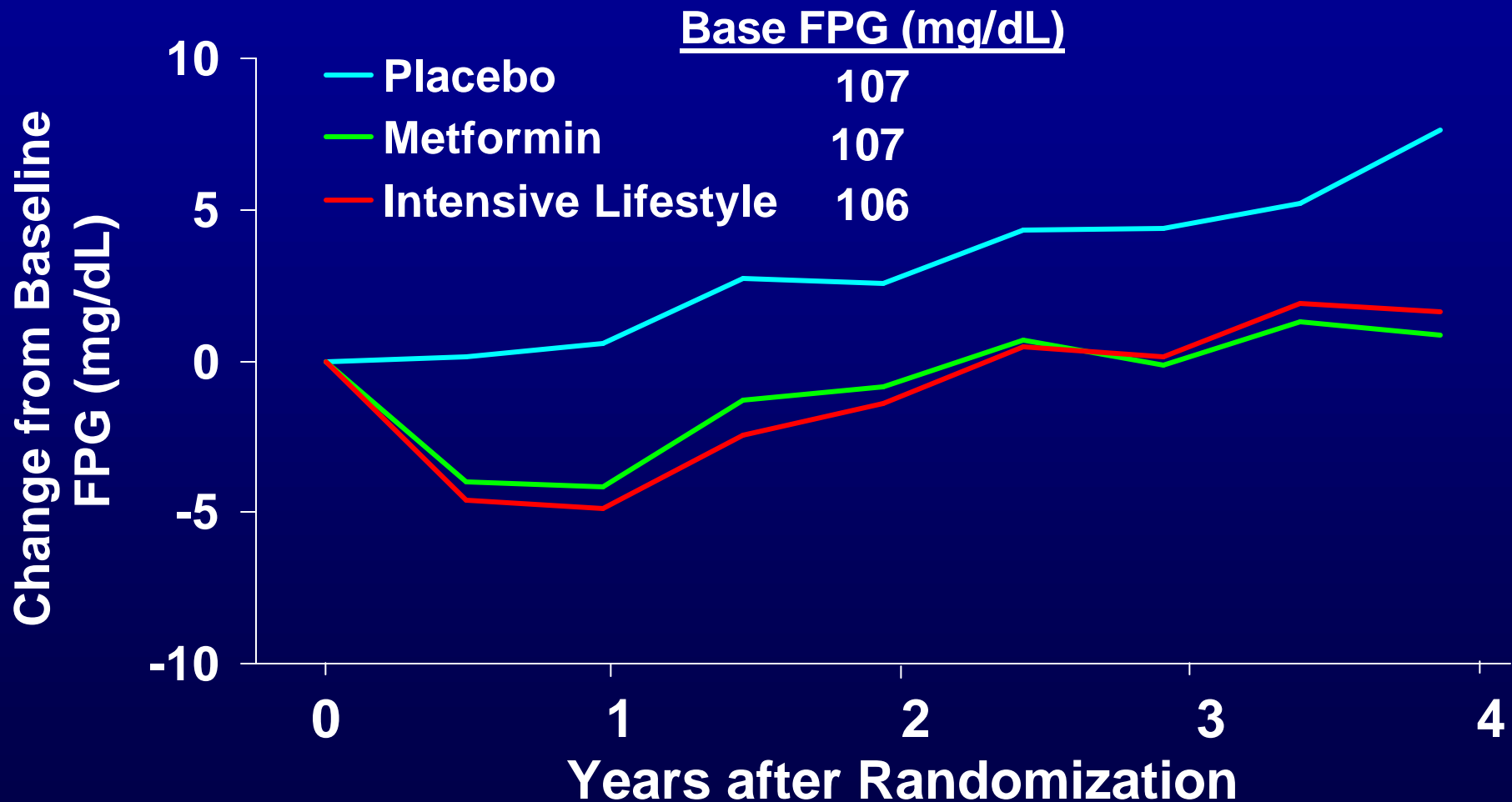
Change in Body Weight



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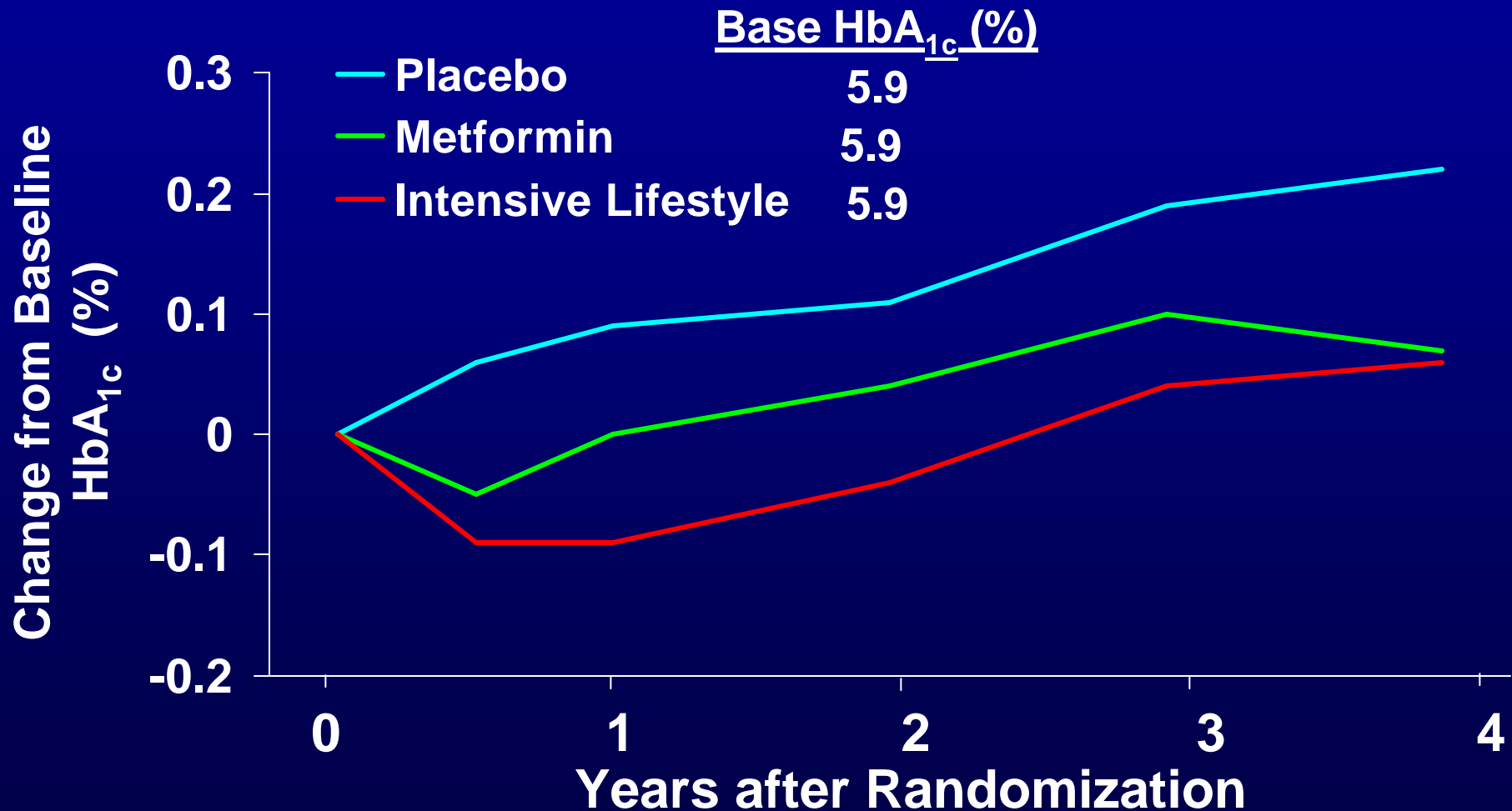
Change in Fasting Plasma Glucose



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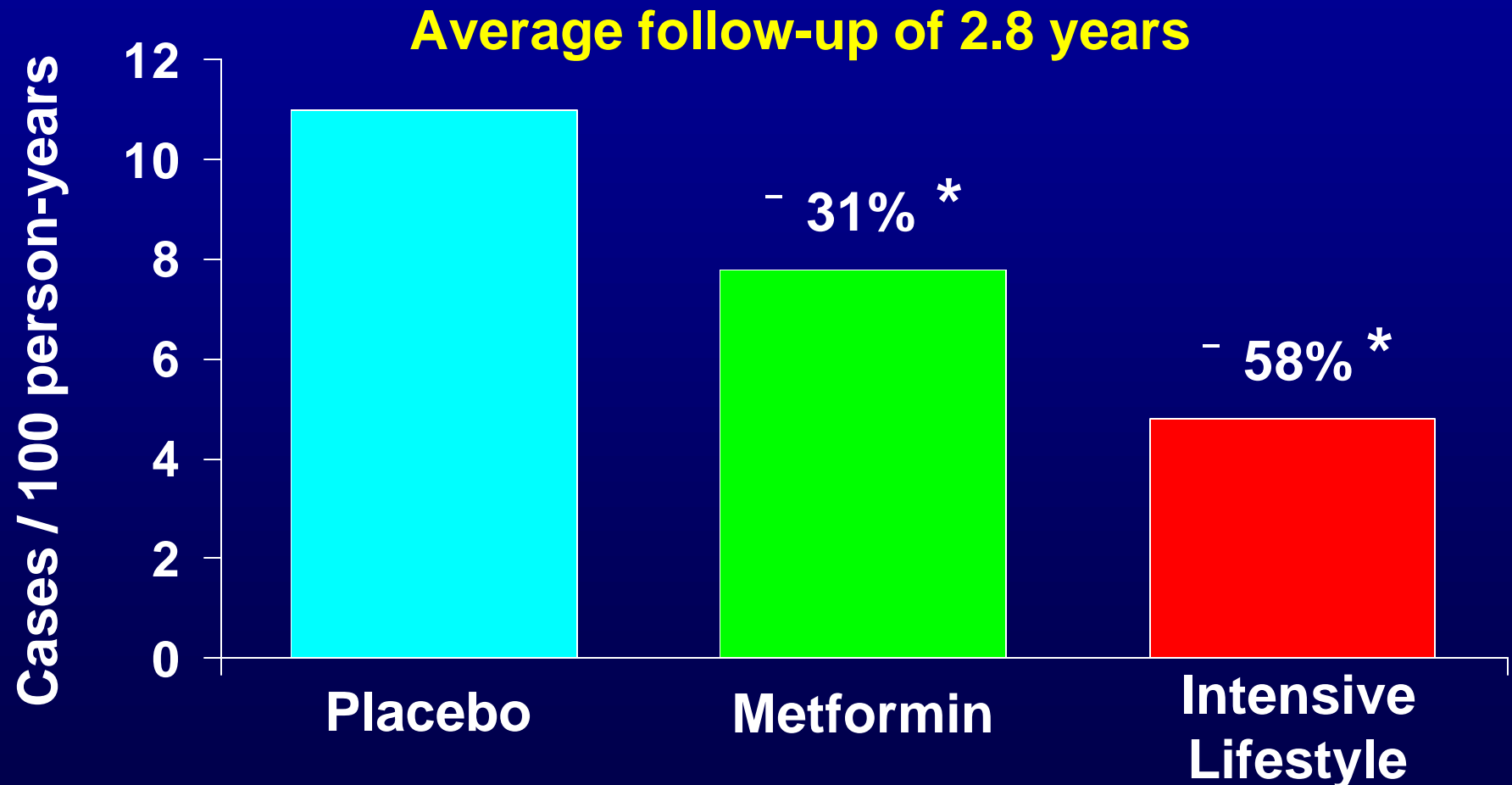
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Change in HbA_{1c}



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Diabetes Prevention Program Progression to Type 2 Diabetes

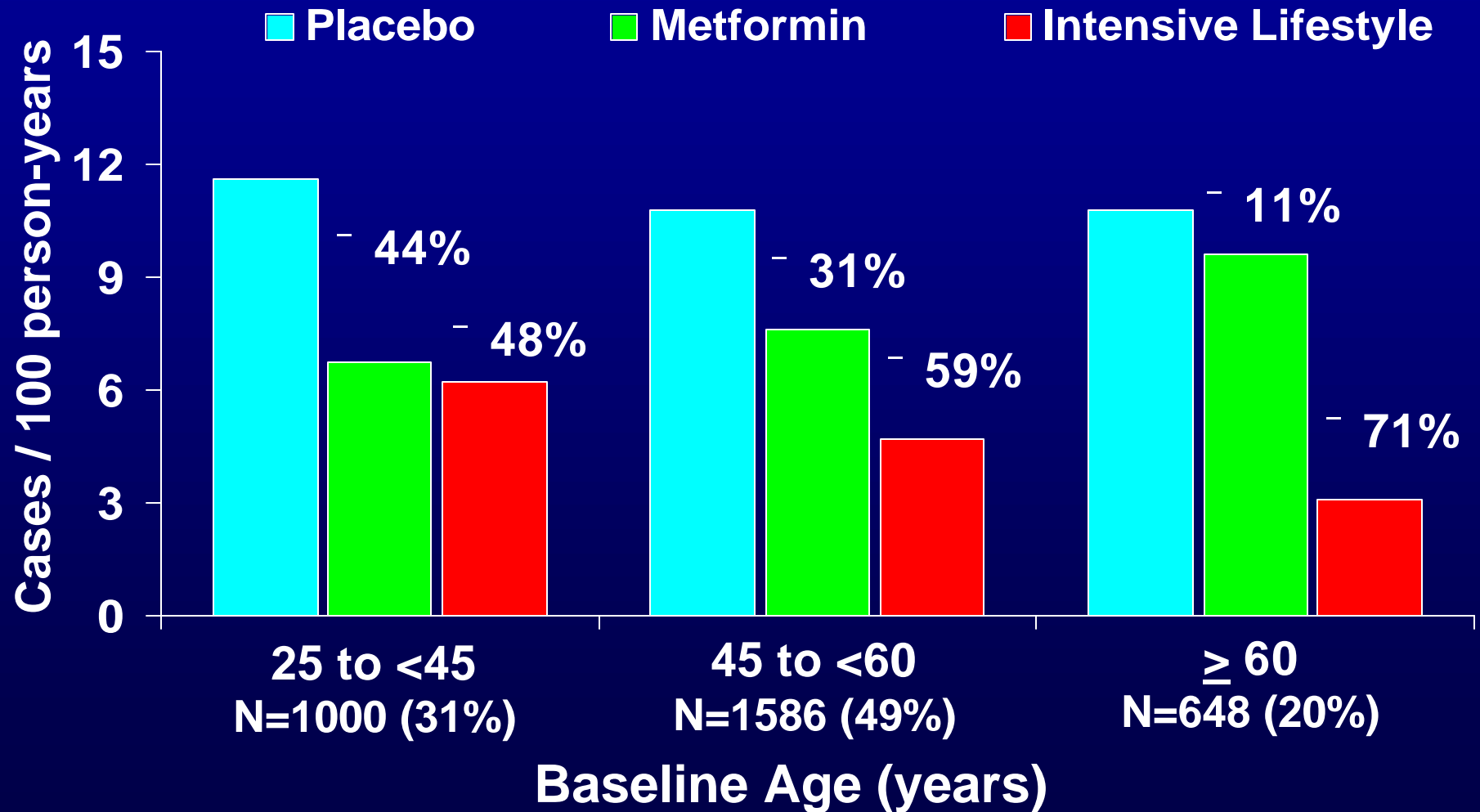


***All pair-wise comparisons significantly different by group sequential log-rank test**

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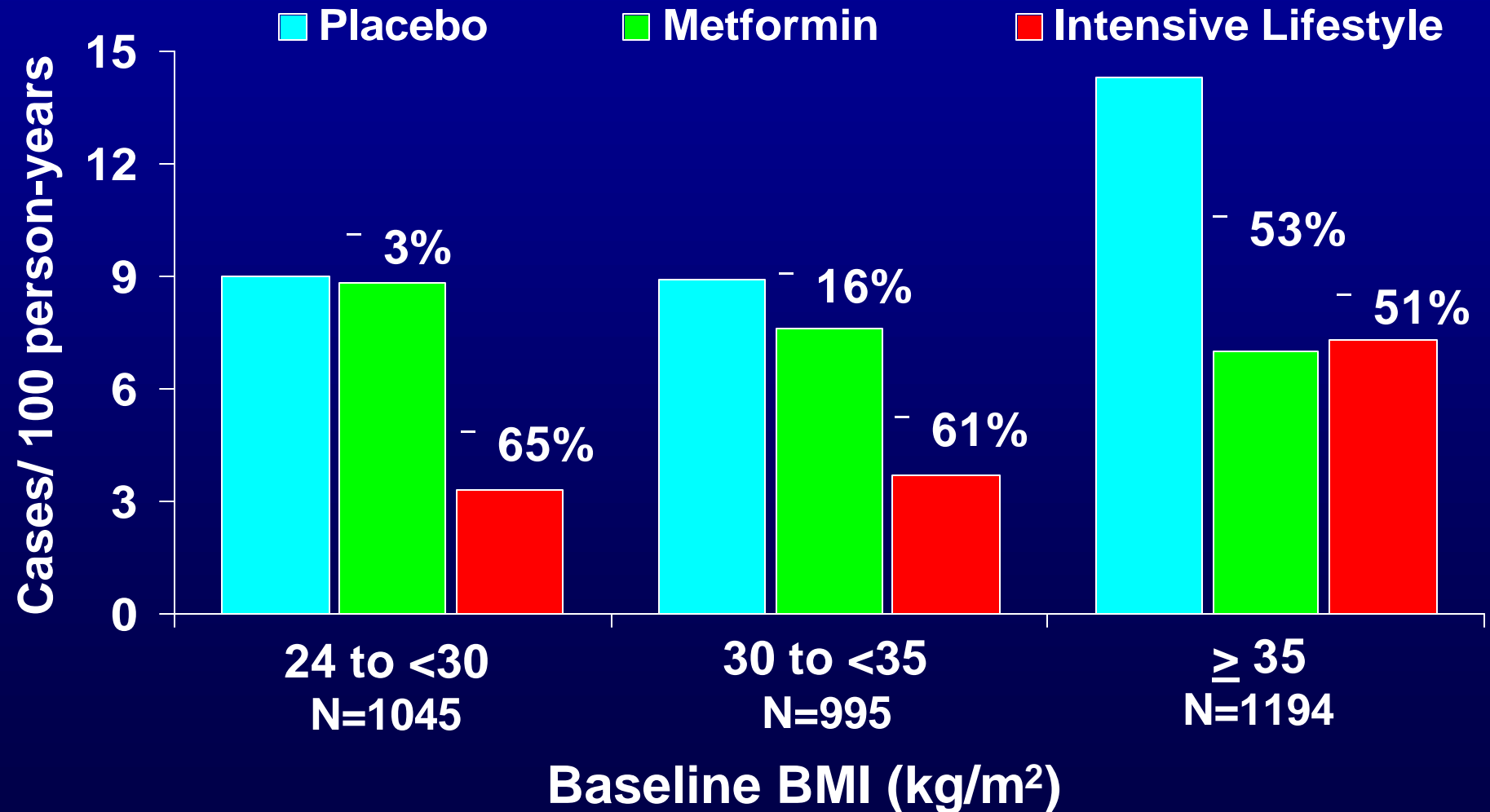
Progression to Type 2 Diabetes by Age



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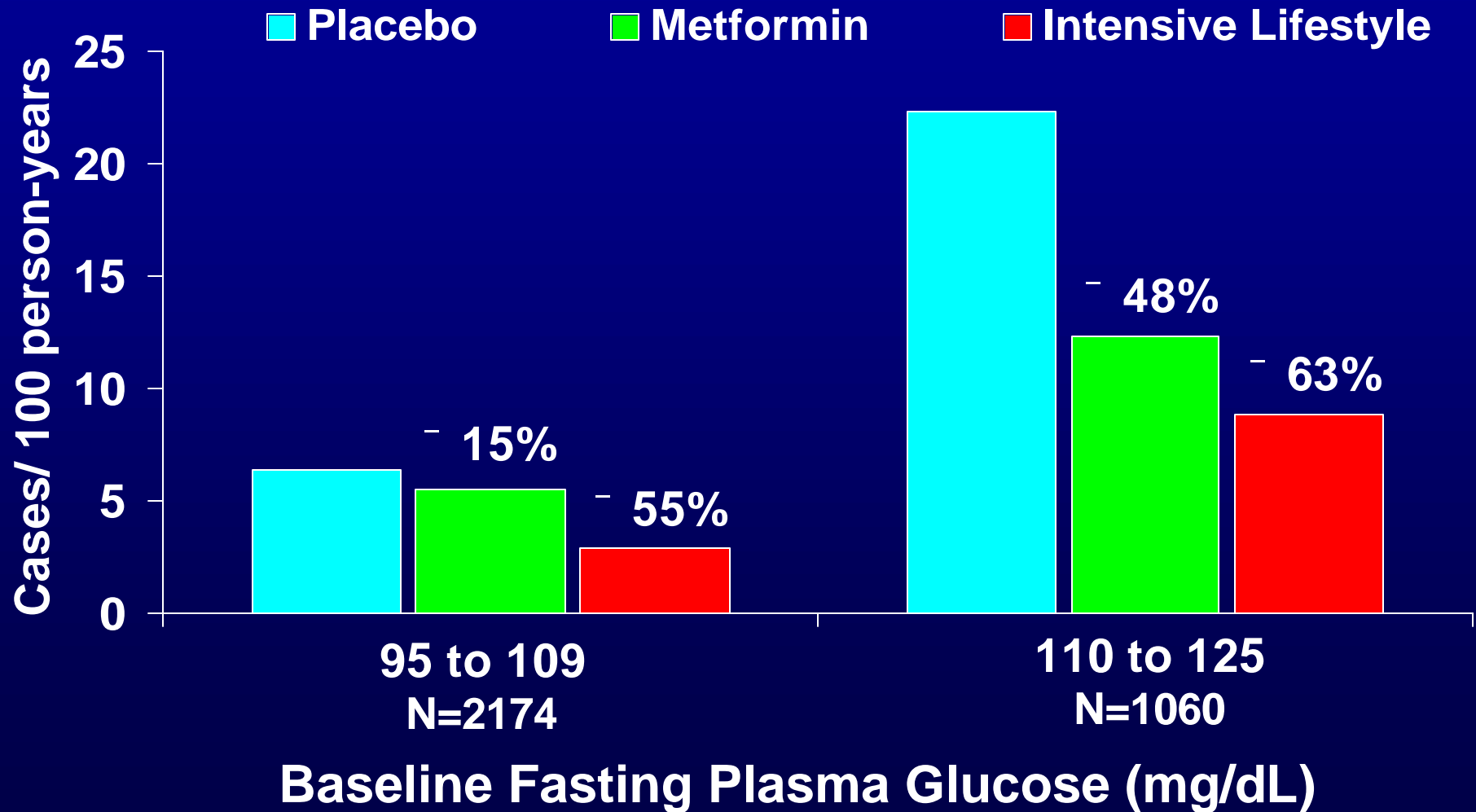
Progression to Type 2 Diabetes by BMI



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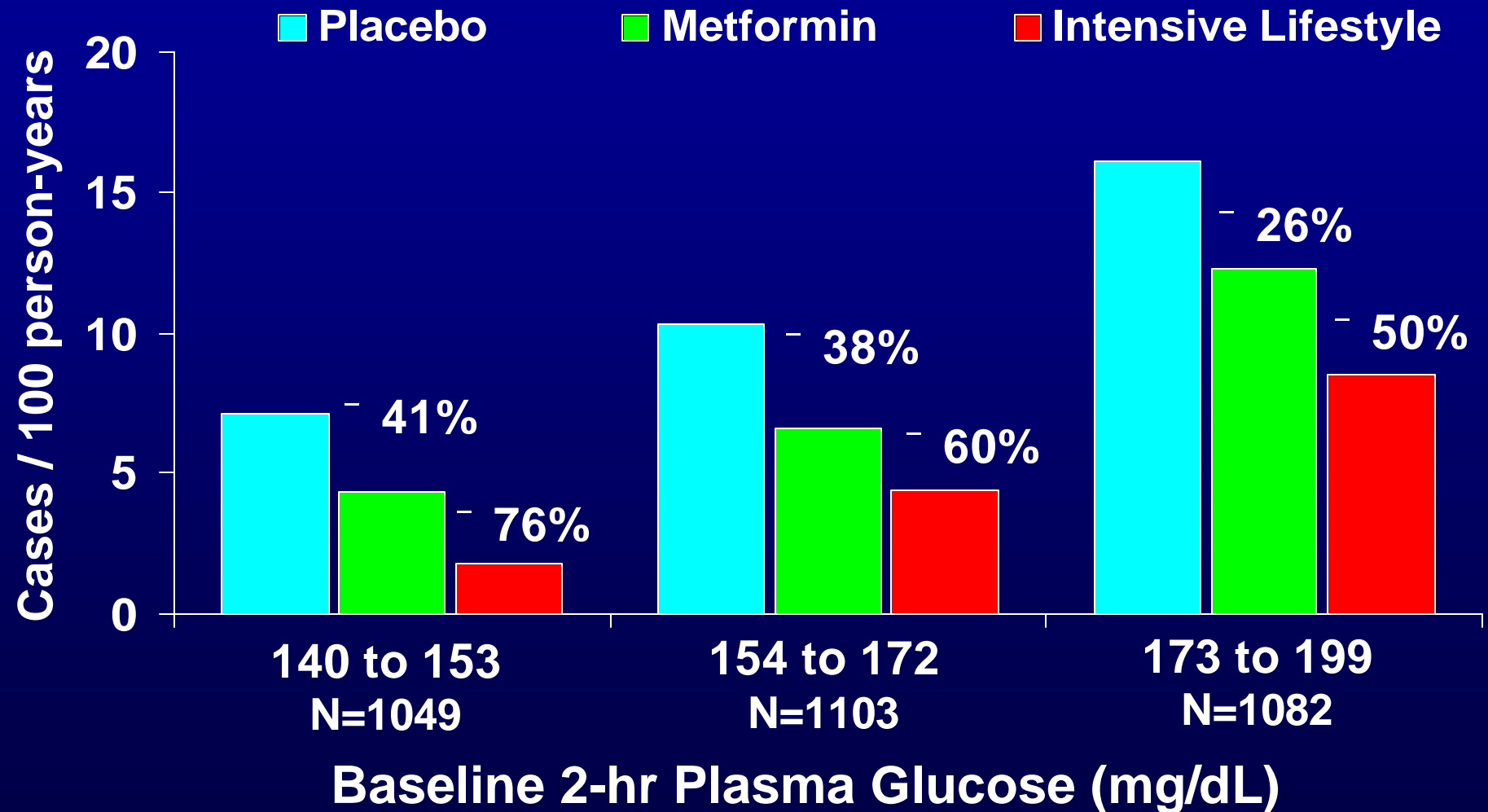
Progression to Type 2 Diabetes by FPG



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Progression to Type 2 Diabetes by 2-hr PG



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Conclusions

- **Intensive lifestyle modifications and metformin each reduced the risk of developing type 2 diabetes among a high-risk population of persons with IGT.**
- **Lifestyle modification was most effective for individuals 60 and older and for those with lower baseline BMI.**
- **Metformin reduced the risk of developing type 2 diabetes most effectively in the DPP participants younger than 60 years and those with a baseline BMI >35 kg/m².**